

COUNTRY Polish-occupied Germany

TOPIC Soviet Supply Installation near Scheuno.

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 20 July 1951

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 5 September 1951

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Polish railroadmen stated in Forst (O 52/A 77) on 20 July 1951 that a Soviet ammunition depot was located near Scheuno (O 52/A 76). * Ammunition shipments were run by the Polish State Railroads from this installation to Juben (O 52/A 97) via Sommerfeld (O 52/A 97). From Juben these shipments were forwarded into the Soviet Zone of Germany. **
2. The Polish railroadmen further stated that railroad tank cars coming from the U.S.S.R. were continually arriving at the ammunition depot. At a point about 3 km from the installation the incoming trains were taken over by Soviet personnel. Shipments leaving the installation were turned over to the Polish railroad personnel only at some distance from the ammunition depot. ***

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* [REDACTED] Comment. There was a German Air Force ammunition depot, probably an ammunition fueling station in the Forst area. This installation may be identical with the ammunition depot reportedly located near Scheuno.

** [REDACTED] Comment. The data on the route taken by these shipments appears strange since, according to the information contained therein, these shipments were dispatched to the east as far as Teuplitz in order to be returned from there to the Soviet Zone of Germany via Sommerfeld and Juben. The shorter, and therefore more reasonable, route would have been via Forst. It must, moreover, be pointed out that so far Soviet Zone ammunition depots have been exclusively supplied directly from the U.S.S.R. and not intermediate depots in the Polish-occupied territory of Germany.

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. A continuous dispatch of railroad tank cars into an ammunition depot is unusual. For safety reasons the establishment of mixed ammunition and fuel depots appears unadvisable.

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